Import and export of gold

1869. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the Import of Gold, including those through personal baggage, during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99;

(b) the export of Gold Jewellery during these years; and

(c) the estimated amount of gold consumed within the country during each year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The details of Import of Gold including those through personal baggage during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 were:—

Year	Qty. (in tonnes)
1996-97	338.19
1997-98	643.268
1998-99	521.731

(b) The exports of gold jewellery for the period mentioned at (a) above, were:

Year	Value in US $ (In Million)
1996-97	511.80
1997-98	572.30
1998-99	863.75

(c) As per information available, the estimated demand of gold in India during the above three financial years were 554 tonnes, 825 tonnes & 758 tonnes respectively, the bulk of which were met by imports and the rest by recycling, etc.

Export of soyameal

1870. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the companies which are exporters of soyameal at present;

(b) the details of their export performance during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to make some changes in the procedure for exporting soyameal; and

(d) if so, by when and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Export of oilmeals including soyameal is allowed freely. Company-wise details of exports are not maintained.

(b) The total quantity and value of exports of soyameal during the last three years and the current financial year (April-May, 99) is as under:

Year	Quantity (lakh MT)	Value (Rs. crores)
1996-97	29.82	2731.24
1997-98	28.72	2718.28
1998-99(Prov.)	31.34	1737.76
1999-2000 (Apr.-May 99, Prov.)	2.67	174.55

(SOURCE : DGCI&S, Calcutta)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Export from Export-oriented Units

†1871. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a constant increase in the export from export-oriented units in the country during the last few years;

(b) if so, the value of exports from these units during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.